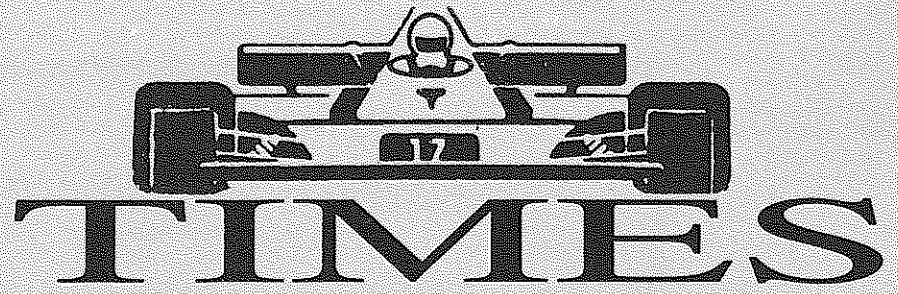


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October Meeting

The October meeting was called to order by RE Dennis McCollough

October minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer reported a previous balance of \$2,825.83

Expenses of stamps \$23.60, July 31, audit fee \$37.00, Sept. 7, audit fee \$33.00, Sept. 25 audit fee \$37.00.

Current balance \$3,113.13

Treasurer reported outstanding bills of Kinko's, US Post Office Box \$93.00, Billings Construction \$40.00. Bill moved we pay the bills, passed.

Dale moved we give \$200.00 to the Motor Sports Complex for legal fees, Bob Grummett seconded, passed.

Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer report was passed.

Business

Chairperson should not be an elected position. It should be an appointed position and considered by a committee.

Bob Grummett talked about the Metra Parking lot situation. The meeting with the Metra Board was positive for the most part. We volunteered to re-stripe the lot to cover the damaged we caused, however that might not come to pass. It is doubtful that we will be able to use the upper lot again, however it may be possible to get the lower lot. We will try to ask in the spring.

Timer modifications were discussed to see what everyone would like to see for updates. The insurance applications for events will be filled out to include one copy of the policy to the secretary/treasurer in order to avoid the possibility of over looking paying our audit fees.

New Business

Dennis brought up the possibility of getting in on a dirt hillclimb sanctioned by the 4X4 club, They could use a little help from any interested members.

The dirt autocross in Columbus will run again next year. The possibilities of gaining access to T & E was discussed.

Bob will try to get information from the Highway patrol about the training complex being built on the Roundup Road.

Nominations for board members are as follows:

RE: Bob Grummett

Asst. RE: Dale Dinsmore

..... Dave Eberts

Comp Chairman: Dwight Gilliland

Sec/Treas: Bill Schaff

Final nominations and elections will be held at the November meeting. All members should plan to attend, the future of your club requires your input and your vote.

Upcoming scheduled of events:

October 30 Go-kart

November Meeting Doc & Eddy's 7:30

December 3 Obstacle Course

Powell, WY

December 10 Christmas Party

Dale moved to adjourn, Mark seconded-passed.

A note from the RE

Earlier this year, I got into a small argument with "someone" about the legality of his car for street-prepared. Imagine that, me and "someone" having words about rules. After the "someone" decided that he was in the wrong class and couldn't compete and we saw him no more. Sad story, huh? Just recently I had a chance to do so some work on the car in question and was discussing it with its new owner. Seems that some of the mods done to the car were, shall we say, more than a little understated. Machining a cylinder head for cam lobe clearance is in the factory manuals, sure it is, uh-huh.

As long as there are egos there is going to be cheating, and I'm not blind to what goes on. But to need to gain a victory in an amateur racing series by cheating is about the highest form of stooping there is. People like that are better off being run off, and I do realize how small our region is. While we need to grow and flourish, a little weeding along the way helps. A reminder for some and all, autocrossing is for fun. Feel free to remind me of that now and then.

With that off my chest, elections are here again. Some good people are on the ballots, help our please. Help is once again being asked for the newsletter department. Stories and articles would help, pictures may in the future too!

A couple of ideas in the work like another dirt autocross. I realize that a lot of you won't run your cars on dirt, so grab your wives car and join the fun. She won't mind, honest. Pat Polk is working on a couple of things, both in the dirt for now. Pat hopes to have some tarmac for use later next year for someone to use, and he seems pretty open minded about what kind of event gets staged. And a sight for a dirt hillclimb is being looked into. I know we are asphalt racers, but this is a big state and it seems to be made of pretty much...dirt. I am asking for feedback, so don't be shy, let me hear form you. Dennis

Octoberfast-Idaho Style

The fun two day event, the first weekend in October has moved from the West Yellowstone Airport to the Pocatello Airport. The Idaho faction of our Yellowstone region put on an excellent event.

Three of us attended from Montana. Stromin Norm Williams, a young gentleman from Bozeman (white rabbit), and myself. There were about 60 drivers in total including twenty from Utah.

The course was fun and medium - fast, a lot of 60mph running. We all made four runs each day and were finished by 3:30 each afternoon. The timing system provided for two cars on the track which they accomplished continually. Beginning Saturday afternoon they used an announcer on the P.A. system who kept everyone posted on who was on the track, interesting tid bits about the drivers there car and times. The announcing added a dimension to the event, everybody stayed involved with all classes.

We represented Montana well. Stormin Norman won his class with a two day time three tenths of a second below the 2nd place car. Norm and a three year newer civic traded Times all weekend, Norm won it on the last run

I went down looking for some Corvette competition and found it. I was second fastest out of six, five super-stocks and one ASP '91 Corvette. Roger Flinders beat me, he also beat Cless Pack about half the time this last summer and placed 2nd at the pro solo in Wendover.

It was along haul but it was worth it. Norm and I have marked our calendars for 1995, anybody else? Bob Grummett

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